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Languages and of Cosmopolitan Culture, Decrease of Religious Interest, Intermarriage, Anti-Semitism, etc. The author emphasizes very strongly the social and cultural assimilation of Judaism by the modern world. After having remained apart from the Gentiles for twenty-five hundred years, the Jewish race now confronts the prospect of being swallowed up in the vortex of capitalistic civilization. Moreover, just as the Jews are in course of emancipation from the legal disabilities of the Middle Ages, and are admitted to political and social equality with the citizens of progressive nations, their distinctive religious faith, which has held them together in the past, is unsettled by modern criticism and rationalism.

The author does not attempt to deal with the religious side of the great assimilative process; but he would cope with the matter from the economic standpoint by the development of Zionism, which, he thinks, will give the Jews a point of national attachment now lacking. But he says truly that Zionism can hope for nothing through the help of poor Jews only. It must have the support of wealthy Jews, or it will fail. Having gone thus far, however, he overlooks the obstacles placed in the way of Zionism by land monopoly, which broke up Judaism in biblical times through class domination, and would do so again if a Jewish province were now established in Palestine. While the book is not worth much from the standpoint of its economic and political program, it is a valuable addition to the descriptive literature of modern Judaism; and it ought to be placed in public and private libraries wherever there is any interest in the subject.

Worship in the Sunday School. By Hugh Hartshorne. New York: Teachers College, Columbia University, 1913. Pp. x+210. \$1.50.

The author is an instructor in religious education in Union Theological Seminary and principal of the Union School of Religion. The central emphasis of this book is, that the service of *worship* has not yet been fully taken up into that movement of criticism and reconstruction which has lately been overhauling Sunday-school curricula in accordance with modern educational ideas and practices. The author undertakes to define the purpose of Sunday-school worship in social terms; and he makes prominent the place of *feeling* in worship. Some of the chapter titles are: "The Social Function of Worship," "The Neglect of Worship in the Sunday School," "The Purpose of Worship in the Sunday School," "The Nature and Place of Feeling in Education," "The Place of Feeling in Worship," "An Experiment in Sunday-School Worship." The book is an able treatment of the subject: and it ought to be in the hands of all mature Sunday-school workers.

Die aethiopische Uebersetzung des Propheten Jeremias. By J. Schäfers. St. Louis: B. Herder, 1912. Pp. viii+206. \$2.70.

This is a valuable study of the Ethiopic rendering of the Book of Jeremiah. The conclusions reached are: (1) the old-Ethiopic (i.e., the earliest known form of the Ethiopic) is a direct translation from the Septuagint as represented in Codex Sinaiticus, and not from an Arabic or Coptic original as was maintained by de Lagarde; (2) this early Ethiopic rendering underwent considerable expansion in content, which was derived from a Syro-Arabic version; (3) a third, or "academic" Ethiopic version was made on the basis of the original one, with corrections based on Greek MSS and on the Hebrew text; (4) the old-Ethiopic shows no trace of the influence of Lucian's recension of the Septuagint; (5) the translator of the Ethiopic was a Syrian dwelling in Egypt; (6) the old Ethiopic was not revised later than the first half of the seventh century A.D.

Textual contributions of this sort are of great value at the present stage of progress. The task now confronting the textual critic is the recovery of the original Septuagint text. The way toward this end is through the grouping of the various MSS and daughter-versions of the LXX according to their families. This is an undertaking calling for much careful and patient labor, and every piece of work like this by Dr. Schäfers helps the cause along perceptibly.

Judges in the "Bible for Home and School" series, prepared almost entirely by Professor E. L. Curtis (deceased) and edited by Dr. A. A. Madsen, well continues the volumes already prepared, and carries out the general aim of the series. The introduction is compact, but deals with all necessary matters. The notes elucidating the text are fairly complete and clear. The non-technical student of this volume will find here a stimulus to more thorough and scientific Bible-study. (Macmillan, 75 cents net.)

We note another number in the series by the editor, Dr. Adam. It is called *The Man among the Myrtles*, and is a study of the visions of the prophet Zechariah. This little volume will be, to many, a revelation of the spiritual aspects of one of the least-known parts of the Old Testament, dealing with God's purification of the Hebrew church after the restoration from exile. The book is one of the most scholarly in the series.

Under the title, *The Gates of Dawn* (Revell, \$1.25), Rev. Dr. W. L. Watkinson presents a new collection of daily devotional readings for a year. The author is a prolific writer in this field; and all who are familiar with his work will be glad to have this new product of his pen.

In a volume called *The Great Acceptance* (Hodder & Stoughton, \$1.00), Mr. Guy Thorne tells the interesting life-story of F. N. Charrington, who was born to a princely fortune made in an English brewery business, but who gave up the life which came to him by inheritance, and entered into a campaign against the drink evil and allied vices. As a vivid transcript of real life, the book ought to be placed in social service libraries everywhere.

The experiences of a mill boy in securing an education are depicted in a racy autobiography entitled *Through the School*, by Al Priddy (Pilgrim Press, \$1.50). The book is intended to give the reader faith in American education, and to reconstruct the human struggles and tests of character which attend the progress of poor but ambitious lads through our educational system. Some of Mr. Priddy's experiences as a mill boy were published in the *Outlook*, where they attracted wide attention.

Professor Oscar Kuhns, of the Wesleyan University, issues *A One-Sided Autobiography* (Eaton & Mains, \$1.00), which gives the story of his intellectual life. It is a valuable help to the choice of books and a guide to the formation of good habits and ideals. It will be serviceable to those who are in search of the best reading.

One of the many signs of church unity is an elaborate cycle of discussions by Theodore Christian, published in the form of a story under the title *Other Sheep I Have* (Putnam, \$2.00). The volume is prepared in the interest of the union of all Christians. In a parliamentary debate before a "Celestial Chairman," the beliefs of the several denominations of the church are subjected to critical analysis. A great deal of material on theology and church history is brought forward. The book is an interesting product of hard work, conscientiously done; but it is too ponderous to win a large constituency.

In a booklet entitled *The Men of the Gospels* (Eaton & Mains, \$0.50), Lynn Harold Hough gives a number of interesting character sketches of persons who appear in the gospel narratives, taking up Nicodemus, Caiaphas, Pilate, Herod, John the Baptist, Peter, James, John, etc. The moral significance of these men is emphasized; and the brief sketches have both homiletic and exegetical interest.

A number of Lives of Frances Willard have appeared; and now a new one comes from the pen of Miss Ray Strachey, an English lady,

whose book is called *Frances Willard, Her Life and Work* (Revell, \$1.50). The author had immediate access to Miss Willard's letters, journals, and papers; and she has produced a very readable and interesting narrative which is pronounced by Israel Zangwill to be "a masterpiece of condensation." The book shows Miss Willard, not only as a W.C.T.U. worker, but as a revivalist, a suffragist, and a political and economic reformer. It is a worthy addition to American biographic literature.

The story of the life and work of Jesus is retold in a simple narrative, without the learned machinery of scholarship, in *The Master*, by G. M. Peters (Revell, \$1.50). While the book uses all the familiar data of the Gospels, it puts the material in a vivid, imaginative setting which helps the reader to form a picture of the scenes and events in the life of Jesus.

A useful popular study of social life and customs in the Far East is furnished by Rev. Z. F. Griffin under the title *India and Daily Life in Bengal* (American Baptist Publication Society, \$1.00). The author was for fifteen years a missionary in India. His book is now in its third edition. The text is supplemented by thirty-eight illustrations from photographs.

A series of brief interpretations of the world today by Shailer Mathews is published under the title *The Making of To-Morrow* (Eaton & Mains, \$1.00). This material appeared originally in the form of editorials while the author was in charge of the monthly periodical, *The World To-Day*, which has now passed into other hands. The book consists of forty chapters divided into four parts, respectively, "The Common Lot," "The Church and Society," "The Stirrings of a Nation's Conscience," and "The Extension of Democracy."

In a number of brief studies under the striking title *The Silences of Jesus* (Revell, \$1.25), Rev. P. C. Ainsworth considers the significance of the occasions and subjects on which Jesus was silent. The book is a devotional interpretation of a somewhat neglected phase of the Master's life. Bound up with it is a study of St. Paul's hymn to love, I Cor., chap. 13.

In *Human Confessions* (Forbes & Co., \$1.00), Frank Crane issues a collection of suggestive paragraphs on various live subjects, such as democracy and wealth, brotherhood, accuracy, defenders of the faith, commercialism. The author often cuts deep; and his thoughts are inspiring.